

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the phone conference of October 13, 2005. Applicants' attorney noted that in the Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2005, the Examiner has misidentified device claims 9-15 as drawn to a method, hence included claims 9-15 in Group II. Additionally, Applicants attorney noted that the claims as originally filed inadvertently contain two claim 12's, which brings the total number of the claims to 16, not 15. The Examiner agreed that the Restriction therefore should be revised to:

Group I: claims 1-3 and 9-16, drawn to a semiconductor device, and

Group II: claims 4-8, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device.

Accordingly, in response to the revised Restriction Requirement, applicants elect **Group I** for examination at this time. Claims 4-8 are canceled without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Applicants have renumbered the second claim 12 to claim 13 and similarly corrected the numbering of the claims that follow. Claims 17-24 are newly added. Support for the new claims can be found on page 9 and in Figure 10. Now new matter is introduced by way of this amendment.

Consideration of claims 1-3 and 9-23 is now requested.

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